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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The Honorable Board of Commissioners Los Angeles County Development Authority 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

SUBJECT

This letter requests that your Board adopt a resolution to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,731,511 in State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG funds) from the Department of Housing and Community Development (State of California). These funds will be allocated to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY **SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDS** (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Authorizing Resolution (Resolution) to accept an amount not to exceed \$3,731,511 in State ESG funds, which will be used to provide services to persons who are homeless, or at the risk of becoming homeless, in the County.
- 2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with the State of California to receive an amount not to exceed \$3,731,511 in State ESG funds for programs that assist persons who are homeless; and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to incorporate these funds into the LACDA's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget, as needed, and to include the final distribution of State ESG funds to LAHSA.
- 3. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with LAHSA to fund programs with State ESG funds that assist persons who are homeless.
- 4. Find that this authorization to receive and administer State ESG is not subject to the California

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Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to approve the acceptance of ESG funds not to exceed \$3,731,511 from the State of California, and to allocate these funds to LAHSA, which provides to persons who are homeless services such as street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid re-housing, through contracts with non-profit and government agencies that have been selected through a Request for Proposal process. A portion of the funds also support program administration.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The State of California will execute an agreement for up to \$3,731,511 with the LACDA, which will then transfer the State ESG funds to LAHSA.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The State of California receives annual ESG allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (24 CFR 576.1 (b)), as amended by The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009. These funds are then allocated to counties through their State Administrative Entities (SAE). The LACDA is the SAE for Los Angeles County.

On August 17, 2021, the State of California released its 2021 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which included initial estimates of available State ESG funding of \$1,243,837 to the County. These funds will also be passed through to LAHSA. As part of the NOFA instructions, the State of California recommended that the County include in the Resolution a not-to-exceed amount of at least twice the initial estimate. A new Resolution would be required if the final amount exceeded the approved amount. The amount in the proposed Resolution is three times the initial estimate, or \$3,731,511.

As part of the application, the LACDA is required to submit the attached Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The Resolution certifies that the LACDA will use the State ESG funds consistent with all applicable state, federal, and other rules and laws; authorizes the LACDA to receive the State ESG funds; to use State ESG funds for eligible activities and program requirements; and authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign the State of California's standard agreement as well as any other related documents.

On October 5, 2021, the Board adopted a resolution accepting \$3,731,511 in State ESG funds. Unfortunately, the State returned the resolution because it referred only to the County of Los Angeles, and not the Los Angeles County Development Authority or the Board of Commissioners, as the LACDA is the SAE for Los Angeles County. The attached resolution corrects these issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of State ESG funds is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34(a)(3), because it is an administrative action and does not involve activities that will alter existing environmental conditions. This action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3)

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and 15378 because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

The State ESG program will be reviewed for environmental impact before funding is released.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The requested actions provide additional funds for street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid rehousing programs for persons who are homeless.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilio Salas

Executive Director

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Enclosures



A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2021-2022 FUNDING YEAR OF THE STATE ESG PROGRAM, CONTINUUM OF CARE ALLOCATION NOFA.

A necessary quorum and majority of the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority ("Applicant") hereby consent to, adopt and ratify the following resolution:

- A. WHEREAS the State of California (the "State"), Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") for the **Continuum of Care Allocation** dated 08/17/2021 under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program (Program); and
- B. WHEREAS Applicant is an approved state ESG Administrative Entity.

SECTION 1:

Applicant is an approved Applicant by their Continuum of Care under the Continuum of Care Allocation and is hereby authorized and directed to receive an ESG grant, in an amount not to exceed \$3,731,511 in accordance with all applicable rules and laws.

SECTION 2:

The Department may approve funding allocations for the ESG Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program regulations, and the Standard Agreement. The Applicant acknowledges compliance with all state and federal public participation requirements in the development of its applications.

SECTION 3:

If applicant receives a grant of ESG funds from the Department pursuant to the above referenced ESG NOFA, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes,





rules, regulations, and laws, including without limitation all rules and laws regarding the ESG Program, as well as any and all other contracts Applicant may have with the Department.

SECTION 4:

The Applicant hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, or designee, to execute and deliver all applications and act on the Applicant's behalf in all matters pertaining to all such applications.

SECTION 5:

If an application is approved, the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, or designee, are authorized to enter into, execute and deliver the grant agreement (*i.e.*, Standard Agreement) and any and all subsequent amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of the grant.

SECTION 6:

If an application is approved, the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, or designee, is authorized to sign and submit Funds Requests and all required reporting forms and other documentation as may be required by the State of California from time to time in connection with the grant.

by the following vote:	
Supervisors Kuehl, Barger and Mitchell: AYES: [3] Supervisors Solis and Hahn: ABSENT: [2]	NOES: [0] ABSTAIN: [_0]
STATE OF CALIFORNI County of Los Angeles	HOLLY J. MITCHELL Chair of the Board of Commissioners
I, <u>CELIA ZAVALA</u> , County Clerk California, hereby certify the above and foregoresolution adopted by said Governing Body on Linkwall Los Angeles, State of	oing to be a full, true and correct copy of a this 11th day of January, 2022. , County Clerk of the County of
By:CELIA	ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Name	Title
RODRIGO A. CASTRO-SILVA,	ATTEST: CELIA ZAVALA Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Commissioners By Maxia Ollida, Deputy

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority this <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.com/10.2016/